

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The member knows that on account of the war situation we were not able to get the vehicles.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: When they had not the sufficient number of vehicles, why did not the Government leave the routes to be operated by private agencies?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Government took those lines long before the war broke out when vehicles became unavailable.

Separate First Class Magistrate's Court.

38. * MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (Minachil cum Thodupuzha): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received representation from the people of Thodupuzha praying for a separate First Class Magistrate's Court; and

(b) if so, whether any definite scheme has been formed for the same?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (a) Yes.

(b) It is proposed to establish a separate Stationary First Class Magistrate's Court at Thodupuzha as a temporary measure from the beginning of 1122.

Magistrates from the Nadar Community.

39. * MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (Nominated): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Magistrates appointed from the various departments in 1120 and 1121;

(b) whether there is any one from the Nadar community; and

(c) whether there were applications from the Nadar community in 1120 and 1121?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (a) and (b) The member is referred to the latest Quarterly Civil List.

(c) No register showing the community of each applicant is maintained.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether we will be able to get information about caste or religion of officers from the Civil List?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: We do not give information relating to them in the List.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: So, am I to take it that this is not the proper answer to the question?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: A community-war statement cannot be given in the Civil List?

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I remind the House that there was an undertaking by the Dewan-President made in the last Budget Session, as can be seen from Vol. XVI, No. 2, of the Proceedings of the 8th Karkadagom 1120, where it is stated 'once in every year a complete list of all the new appointments according to communities will be placed on the table of the House. Will that satisfy the honourable members?' So, I take it that there was a definite undertaking by the Government that they would prepare a list giving the caste-war statement of the officers. But although it is now twelve months since.....

FRESIDENT: Order, order. Is it a question or a speech?

MR. P. O. THOMAS: I am just asking the member whether the Government have prepared a list as per the undertaking?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: That list is under preparation, and will be published shortly.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the list was begun?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: It was started some time ago. It is a comprehensive list, and it will take some time to finish, as honourable members ought to know.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: But these questions do not arise here, Sir.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR (Quilon cum Kottarakara): May I know whether caste could also be made out in the Civil List?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Are we to take it that hereafter no questions about the caste or religion of the officers should be asked?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Subject to the statement made by the Dewan-President.

Agri-Horticultural Society of Trivandrum.

40. ***MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state in respect of the Agri-Horticultural Society of Trivandrum formed recently by Government sanction:

- (a) who the honorary organiser is;
- (b) his native place;
- (c) his age;
- (d) his profession; and
- (e) the remuneration paid to him as honorary organiser?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (Secretary to Government):

(a) Rao Sahib C. R. Lakshmivaraha Aiyangar, B. A., B. L., Advocate and Proprietor of the South Indian Lekshmi Nursery.

(b) Kumbakonam in the Tanjore District.

(c) Nearing 70 years.

(d) Advocate.

(e) Rs. 250 given as honorarium for meeting his out-of-pocket expenses and the staff which may be needed to establish the Nursery business.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it was not possible to get any Travancorean to take up this work?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: No Travancorean was available.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Did the Government make any effort to get a Travancorean instead of this foreigner who is nearly 70 years of age?

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: The question of age does not arise. The proposal was put forward by an expert in the field. It was sent to the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Research for report. They all reported that this gentleman was fit for the work...